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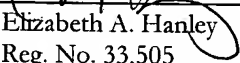
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified matter, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, lines 2-4 with the following:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. patent application number 09/602466, filed June 23, 2000, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/141,025, entitled "Use of Creatine or Creatine Analogs for the Prevention and Treatment of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies," filed on June 25, 1999.